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Ms. Catherine Glidden Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street SW Washington, DC 20043-0001

RE:

A Level III Cultural Resource Inventory, of the Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation's Powder River Basin Expansion Project Corridor, Custer, Fall River, and Pennington Counties, South Dakota: Addendum 2 (SD1b)

Dear Ms. Glidden:

The draft archaeological resources inventory and evaluation report documenting additional site visits to the Powder River Basin Project (PRB Project) in South Dakota has been revised to address STB comments, and is ready to be submitted for agency and tribal review. The initial report, submitted to your office in April 2007, was prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants to update a 1999 cultural resources inventory conducted by University of South Dakota Archaeology Laboratory. In October 2007, the STB requested revisiting sites discussed in the 1999 report. This Addendum represents those site visits.

We have posted the revised draft to the Louis Berger Group ftp site for distribution to cooperating agencies and tribal representatives. We recognize that the Programmatic Agreement stipulations provide 30 days for review and concurrence regarding determinations of eligibility. We appreciate any effort your office can make to expedite that process. Please advise Michael Madson (mmadson@hdrinc.com) as to comments as they become available.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

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